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¶ To the Readers health.

SItting Gentlemen vpon Douer cliffes, to quaint my selfe with the art of Nauigation, and knowe the course of the Tides, as the Danske Crowes gather on the Sandes against a storme: so there appeared on the downs such a flock of knaues, that by Astrological coniectures I began to gather, that this yeere would proue intemperate by an extreme heat in Somer, insomuch that the stones in Cheap side should be so hot, that diuers persons should feare to goe from Poules to the Counter in the Poultrye: wherupon I betooke me to my Ephimerides, and erecting a figure, haue found strange accidents to fall out this yeere, Mercurye being Lord and predominate in the house of Fortune, that many fooles shall haue full cofers, and wise men walke vp and downe with empty purses: that if Iupiter were not ioyned with him in a fauourable aspect, the Butchers

chers of East-cheape should doo little or nothing all Lent but make prickes: seeing therefore the wonders that are like to fall out this present yeere, I haue for the benefit of my Countrymen taken in hand to make this Prognostication, discoursing breefelye of the Eclipses both of Sunne and Moone, with their dangerous effectes like to followe, which if God preuent not: many poore men are like to fast on Soudaies for want of food, and such as haue no shoes to goe barefoot, if certaine deuout Coblers proue not the more curteous: but yet Astrologie is not so certaine, but it may fayle: and therfore diuers Hostesses shall chaulke more this yeere then their Guests wil wipe out: so that I conclude, whatsoeuer is saide by art, *Sapiens dominabitur astris.*

Your freend and Student in Astrologie,

Adam Foulweather.

Of the Eclipses that shall happen this present yeere, to the great and fearfull terrifying of the beholders.

IF we may credit the authenticall censures of Albumazar and Ptolomey, about the motions of celestial bodies, whose influence doth exitat and procure continuall mutability in the lower region: we shall finde that the Moone this yeere shall be eclipsed, which shall happen in one of the twelue monethes, and some of the foure quarters of the yeere, whose eclipses as they shall be totally darkened, so the effects shall be wondrous and strange.

For Cancer being the sole house of the Moone, doth presage that this yeere fruites

shall be greatly eaten with Catterpillers, as Brokers, Farmers, and Flatterers, which feeding on the sweat of other mens browes, shall greatly hinder the beauty of the spring, and disparage the growth of all hot herbs, vnlesse some northerlye winde of Gods vengeance cleare the trees of such Catterpillers, with a hot plague and the pestilence.

But Cancer being a watry signe and cheefe gouernour of floods and streames, it foreshewth that Fish-mongers if they be not well lookt to, shall goe downe as farre as Graues end in Wherries, and forestall the market, to the great preiudice of the poore, that all Lent ground their face on the benefit of Salt fishe and red Herring.

Besides it signifieth, that Brewers shall make haunche of Thames water, and put nine liquour then they were accustomed amongst their Malte: to the ouerthrowe of diuerse truely Ale knights, whose mounting knightes of strong Beere is a great staye to their sommaciens lamentable raleis if be not looke into and preuented by some speedy supplication to the worshipfull order of ale tunners. But in this we haue great hope that because the effects cannot surprise the cause, diuers Amplified shall trust out more then they can get in: and although they fill their pots

pots but halfe full, yet for want of true dea-
ling dye in the Brewers debt.

This much for the watry signe of Cancer,
and because this Eclipse is little visible in
our horizon, I passe it ouer with this proui-
so to all seafaring men, to carry more shirts then
one with them a ship board, lest to their great
labour they spend many houres in murthe-
ring their vermin on the hatches.

¶ The Eclipse of the Sunne.

THe Eclipse of the Sun according to Pro-
clus opinion, is like to produce many hot
and pestilent infirmities, especially amongst
Summers and Pettyfoggers, whose faces
being combust with manye fierye inflamati-
ons, shall shewe the dearth that by their de-
uout drinking is like to ensue of Barly, if vi-
olent death take not away such consuming
maulwormes.

Diuers are like to be troubled with such
hot remmes in their heades, that their haire
shall fall off: and such hot agues shall raigne
this yeare, with strange feuers and calami-
ties, that if the Sunne were not placed in a
colde signe, Rensshe ware would sell ten

peace enduret before the latter end of August.

But diuers good planets being retrograde, foretelleth that Remmans this yeere shal be plenty, in so much that many shall bse them to bedward, for the quantifying of their hot and inflamed stomaches.

And Mars being placed neere the Sunne, sheweth that there shall be a great death among people, olde women that can liue no longer shall dye for age: and young men that haue Vlcers to their father, shall this yeere haue great cause to laugh, for the Deuil hath made a decree, that after they are once in hell, they shall neuer rise againe to trouble their executors.

Beside that by all coniecturall argumentes the influence of Mars shall be so violent, that diuers souldiers in partes beyond the seas, shall fall out for want of their pay, and here in our meridionall clime, great quarrels shal be raised between man and man, especially ye in cases of Law: gentry shal goe cheek mate with Iustice, and coyne out-countenance oft times equitie: the poore sitting on penny-lesse benche, shall sell their Coates to striue for a straw, & Lawyers laugh such fooles to scorn as cannot keep their crowns in their purses.

Further there is like to be great falling out amongst Church men, and certaine fond sects

of

of religion like to trouble the commons: selfe conceipters and ouerholy counterfeites that delight in singularitie, shall rise vp and despise authoritie, presuming euen to abuse the higher powers, if Saturne with a frowning influence, did not threaten them with Iupiters consequence.

But whereas the Sun is darkned but by digits, and that vpon the fourth point, it prognosticateth great miseries to Spaine and those Southerlye Countries, Friers and Monks shall beat them so this yeer with cotselling of harlots, that their crownes shall wax balde of their owne accord, to the great impouerishing of the Spanish Barbers: Surgeons in Spain shall wax rich, and their Hospitals prosperously a pestilent mortalitye is like to fall amongst those hipocriticall Masse-mongers. The Dukes, Marquesses and Counties, shall haue their bubbles rosted with such Spanish buttons, that they shall neuer proue good quirresters, for the hot and inflamed reumes fallen downe into their throats.

It is further to be feared that because the Eclipse happeneth in Iulye, there will through the extreame heat growe such abundance of fleas, that women shall not goe to bed before twelue a clocke at night, for the great murthers and stratagems they are like to commit vpon those little animalls.

And whereas this Eclipse falleth out at one of the clocke in the afternoone, it foresheweth that many shall goe soberer into Tauernes then they shall come out: and that he which drinkes hard and dyes cold, shall neuer dye of the sweate.

Item, Gemini combust and retrograde, sheweth that some shall haue so sore a sweating, that they may sell their haire by the pound to stuffe Tennice balles: but if the Beadles of Bride well be carefull this Summer, it may be hoped that Petticote lane may be lesse pestered with ill aires then it was wont: and the houses there so clensed, that honest women may dwel there without any dread of the whip and the carte.

And I finde that the altitude of that place and of Shordich are alone elevated, and two degrees, and vnder the zenith or perticall point of Venus, which presageth that sundry sorts of men & women shalbe there resident: some shall be so short haide and so queasie stomacht, that they shall lye in their beds while noon, by which meanes they shal grow so full of grosse humors, that they shalbe troubled with strange turnaides and swellings in their bellies, insomuche that many women shall they be helped by the cleuer of some skilfull Midwife.

Besides, many of the same sort and factions shall

shall learn to coſin young Nouices, and fetch in young Gentlemen, to the great ouerthrow of youth, if ſome ſharpe and ſpeedye redreſſe be not fetcht from the worſhipfull Colledge of Phiſitions in the parriſh of S. Bryides.

But heere by the waye gentle Reader, note that this Eclipſe ſheweth, that this yeare ſhall be ſome ſtrange birthes of Children produced in ſome monſtrous forme, to the greefe of the Parentes, and fearefull ſpectacle of the beholders: but becauſe the Eclipſe chaunceth Southerlye, it is little to be feared that the effectes ſhall fall in England: yet ſomewhat it is to bee doubted, that diuers Children ſhall be borne, that when they come to age ſhall not knowe their owne fathers: others ſhall haue their fingers of the nature of Lyme twigges, to get moſt parte of their liuing with ſiue and a reache: ſome ſhall be borne with feet like vnto Hares, that they ſhal run ſo ſwift, that they ſhall neuer tarry with maiſter, but trudge from poſte to piller, till they take vp beggars buſh for their lodging: Others ſhall haue Moles like Swine, that there ſhall not be a feaſt within a myle, but they ſhall ſmell it out: But eſpecially it is to be doubted, that diuers women this yeere ſhall be borne with thorange, to the terrible greefe of ſuch as ſhall marry them,

sitting in their furye such rough cast elo-
quence, that knaue and slaue shalbe but holy-
day woordes to their husbands.

And whereas this fearefull Eclipse doth
continue but an houre and a half, it signifieth
that this yeere womens loues to their hus-
bands shal be very shorte, some so momenta-
ry, that it shal scarce continue from the church
doore to the wedding house: and that hennes,
capons, Turkie, & other pulin shall little haunt
your mansables but flye away with spites
to their lordes to fat Churls houses, ỳ pam-
per themselues up with delicates & dainties.

And although verye fewe other effectes
are to be prognosticated, yet let me giue this
caueat to my Countrymen, as a clause to this
woonderfull Eclipse. Let such as haue clothes
enough, keepe themselues warme from taking
of colde: and I would wishe rich men all this
winter to sit by a good fire, and hardlye to goe
to bed without a Cuppe of Sack, and that so
qualified with Suger, that they proue not
to wantonlye: let them feede daintilye and take
ease enough: and no doubt according to the
iudgement of Astrologers, they are like to
liue as long as they can, and not to dye one
houre before their time.

And much for this strange Eclipse of

¶ Of the second Eclipse of the Moone, which is like to fall out when it chaunceth either before the 31. of December or els not at all, this present yeere, 1591.

THe second Eclipse of the Moon shalbe but little seene in England, wherevpon the effectes shall be nothing preiudiciall to our clyme: yet as the bodye of the Moone is neuer obscure in part or in whole, but some dangerous euents doo followe: so I meane to set downe briefely what is to be looke to, in these westerne partes of the worlde.

First therefore it is to bee feared, that the Danes shall this yeere bee greatlye giuen to drincke, insomuch that English Beere shall there be worth fiue pence a Noope, that their Hoffes and tappe houses shall be more frequented, then Parishe Churches, and manye shall haue more Spruce Beere in their bellies, then wit in their heades: wherevpon shall growe Apoplexies and colde palsies in their legges, that they shall diuers times not bee able to stand on their feete.

Vpon this shall grow great commodity to the Potters and Glasse makers, for it is like there

there shall be a great ouerthrowe of them, if there bee not some attonade for drinking in blacke Jackes.

But if the weather proue seasonable, and the Harueſt great, and the Barnes full of Corne: Rye is like to be cheap in Denmark, and bread to be of a reasonable ſize, for the relæuing of the poore.

Many Frenche is like to haue a great dearth of honeſt men, if the king preuaile not against theſe mutenous rebels of ꝑ League, and Papists in diuers places to be plenty, if God or the king route them not out with a sharpe ouerthrowe: But this hope we haue against that rascall rabble of thoſe shauelinges, that there was found in an olde booke this Prophecy ſpoken about Jeruſalem long since by a Jew: The tree that God hath not planted shall be pulled vp by the roots.

Some curious Astronomers of late dayes that are more Prophetticall then Judiciall, affirme that Martin the kill-hog for his deuout proceeding (by the Pope canonized a Saint) shall rise againe in the apparell of a Minister, and tickle some of the baſer ſorte with such fond humors in their braines, that diuers ſelfe conceited fooles shall become his diſciples, & grounding their wittleſſe opinion on an heretticall foundation, shall ſeeke to ruinate

 authoritie,

authoritie, and peruert all good orders established in the Church, to the great preiudice of vnity and religion, stiuling themselues by the names of Martinistes as the Donatistes grewe from Donatus.

Were it not that the Moone being in Taurus, which gouernes the nerke and throate, shewes that the Squinancye shall raigne amongst them, and diuers for want of breath dye of the strangling.

Now for that Capricornus is a signe wherin Luna is often resident, it prognosticateth a great death amongst horde beastes. The Butchers shall commit wilfull murther vpon Sheepe and Oxen, and diuers Keepers kill store of Buckes, and reserue no other fees to their selues but the hornes, insomuche that if the Parson of Horne-Church in Essex take not heede, there maye hap to proue this yeere some Cuckoldes in his Parrish.

But there is like to bee concluded by an act set downe in Graues ende Barge, that hee that wypes his Nose and hath it not, shall forfeite his whole face.

And that all such as are Iealous ouer their wiues without cause, are worthie to bee punisht with the horne plague for their labour.

And whereas this Eclipse is farre from the signe Pisces, it shewes that there shall be many stinking fish this yere at Billings gate, and that Quinborowe oyster boates shall ofte times carrie knaues as well as honest men.

But let the Fish-wiues take heede, for if most of hem proue not scoldes, because Pisces is a signe that gouernes the feete, they shall weare out more shooes in Lent then in anie two monthes beside through the whole yeere, and get their liuing by walking and crying, because they scambered Rom alley with such a tragicall infamie. The rest I conceale as friuolous, and little necessarie to be touched in this Prognostication.

A declaration of the generall disposition of sundrie conceited qualities incident vnto mens mindes & natures throughout these foure quarters of the yere, by the mortie influence of the Planets, with some other tragicall euents and obseruations worthie the noting, contayned vnder each seperated reuolution.

And first of the inclination of the Winter quarter,

Winter

Winter the first Astronomicall quarter of the yeare, according to my vsuall account, whatsoeuer Ptolomie sayes beginneth sooner with poore men than with rich, graunted by by the malignant influence of Saturne, whose constellation is that suche as haue no mony nor credit, shal want coales & woode and be faine to stande and starue for colde, while olde pennifathers sit and toast them selues by the fire.

The winter beginning at that instant, whē the Sun makes his enterance into the first degree of Capricornus, that Hiemall solsticial signe he westhat by natural inclination this quarter is generally flegmatike, and that He shall bee of so greate authoritie, that the Bakers bal ket shall giue the wall vnto the Brewers barrell, and a halfe pennye drie doe homage vnto a halfe pennye wet.

The weather and season wilbe so cold that diuerse for feare of the frost shall sit all daye at Tables and Cardes, while their poore wiues & familes fast at home for their folies.

And in respecte that I finde three of the seauen Planetes to be in waterie signes as Iuppiter, Mars, and the Moone, it signifieth that diuerse persons both men and women for want of wine or strong drinke shall goe to bedde sober against their willes.

That Sea-faring men shall haue ill lucke

if either their shippes hit agaynst rockes or sticke in the sandes.

That ther shal be such great hoarie frosts, that men & women shall creep to bed together, & some of them lie so long, till they bee fetcht out with a Bason.

Heere Saturne retrograde in Gemini shewes that there shall this Winter fall such greate fogges and mistes, that diuerse riche men shall loose their purses by the highe waie side, and poore men bee so weather beaten by the crafte of blurers, that they shall begge their bread by the extremitie of such extortion.

But Mercurie & Uenus cõgregated in Sagitarie, prognosticateth ỹ for want of faire weather, such as haue but one shirt shall go woolward till that be a washing, and that water-men that want fares shall sit and blowe their fingers till theyr fellowes row betwirte the olde Swan and Westminster.

And by reason that Mars that malignant Planet, hath nothing to doe in that Hiemall reuolution, souldiers this Winter for the most parte, shall lie still in garrisons, and shall not be troubled with more mone than is necessarie.

Being also greatly to be feared, ỹ through extreame colde poore men shall die at riche mennes doores: pittie shall bee exiled, good woorkes trusse vuer the sea with

lacke

Jacke a lent and Hospitalitie banisht as a signe of popish religion: and were it not that some moist shoures shal moderate the hardnes of the frost, Charitie should for want of house rome lie & freeze to death in ỳ streets.

Diuerse greate stormes are this yeere to be feared, especially in houses where the wiues weare the breeches, with such lowde windes, that the women shall scolde their husbands quight out of doores, whereupon is like to fall great haile stones as bigge as iopnd stooles, that some shall haue their heads broken, and all through the froward disposition of Venus.

But Mars comes in and playes the man, who beeing placed in Gemini, that gouernes the armes and shoulders, presageth that sundrie tall fellowes shall take heart at grasse, who beeing armed with good cudgels, shall so lambeake these stubborne huswiues, that the wind shall turne into another quarter, and so the weather ware more calme and quiet.

Such great flods are like to insue, through this hiemall distemperature, ỳ diuerse men shall bee drowned on drie hils, & fish if they could not swim, were vtterly like to perish.

Eeles are like to bee deere if there bee few or none taken, and plentie of poutes to bee had in all places, especiallie in those coastes and Countries where weomen

haue not their owne willes.

Now gētle reader in respect of diuers particular circūstances drawn frō the daily motions, progressions, stations, retrogradations, aspects and other appointments of fixed and wandring starrs, I am induced to set downe that such as haue no fire, shall feele most cold and that wierdrawers, if they plye not their worke, shall feele no great heate, that they in Russia shall suffer more preiudice by the sharpenesse of Winter than the Spaniards.

And one thing is to bee hoped for at the handes of Mercurie, that this winter money shall haue a fall, for Philip and Mary shillings that heretofore went for 12. d. shall now passe from man to man for 6. d. a peece.

The distemperance of this quarter, is like to breede many sicknesses and sundrie diseases as well in young as in old, proceeding either of corrupt and vicious bloud or of superabundance of crude and raw flegmatike humors. As Cephalagies or paines in the head which shall make men dizzy that some shal stagger & stumble vp & downe the streetes till they haue stolne a nappe to quiet their braines.

Ache in the shoulders shall raine amongest diuerse women that haue shrewes to their husbandes, and diuerse drunken men shall bee pestured with turkets.

Maidens this winter shall haue strange

stitches.

stitches & gripings of the collick, which diseases proceed by too much lying vpright.

Men shall bee troubled with such paine in the eies, that they shal not know their owne wiues from other women, with coughes, rumes and itchings, which I omit.

Of the Spring time.

Winter being finished with the last grade of the watry signe Pisces, at the Suns ioyful progresse into the first degree of Aries. The second quarter of our vsuall yere commonly called the spring cōmeth next, which beginneth when grasse begins to sproute, & trees to bud. But to treate of this present season, forasmuch as I find the planets to be contradictorily disposed, in signs & manlios of diuerse repugnaunt qualities, I gather that this spring will be very ill for schollers, for they shal studie much and gain litle, they shall haue more wit in their heads then money in their purses.

Dunces shal proue more welthie then diuers doctors, insomuch that sundry vnlettered fooles should creep into the ministerie, if the prouident care of good Bishops did not preuent them.

And by the opinion of Proclus, women are like to grow wilful, & so variable, that they shall laugh & weepe, and all with a winde:

Butchers shal sell their meate as deare as they can, and if they bee not carefull, horne beastes shall be hurtfull vnto them.

Some shall bee so wedded to swines flesh, that they shall neuer bee without a sowe in their house as long as they liue.

This spring or vernall resolution being naturally hot & moist, is like to bee verie forward for spronting fields blooming trees, & because Saturne is in his proper mansion, old men are like to be froard, & crafty knaues shal need no Brokers, vsurie shall bee called good husbandrie, & men shal bee counted honest by their wealth, not by their vertues.

And because Aquarius hath somthing to do vh this quarter, it is to bee doubted ꝑ diuers springs of water will rise vp in vintners sellers, to the great weakning of their Gaskon wine, & the vtter ruine of the ancient order of the red noses.

Watch Beere shalbe more esteemed than ale.

Out of the old stock of heresie, this spring it is to be feared, will bloome new scismaticall opinions and strange sects, as Brownists, Barowists, & such balductum deuises to the great hinderance of the vnitie of the Church, & confusion of the true faith, if the learned doctor sir T. Tiburne be not taskte to confute such vpstart companions, with his plain & dunstable philosophie.

Cancer

Cancer is busie in this spring tide, and therfore it is like that flourishing bloomes of yong gentlemens youth shalbe gretly anoid with caterpillers, who shall intangle thē in such statutes & recognances, that they shall crie out against brokers, as Jeremy did against false prophets.

Besides, though this last winter nipt by diuers masterlesse men and cut purses, yet this spring is like to afford one euery tearme this ten yere in Westminster hall.

Barbers if they haue no worke are like to grow poore, and for that Mercury is cōbust and many quarelles like to growe amongst men, lawiers shall proue rich & weare side gowns and large consciences, hauing theyr mouths open to call for fees, and theyr purses shut when they shoulde bestowe almes.

But take heed O you generatiō of wicked Osiers, that steale hate in the night from gentlemens houses, and rub their teth with tallow, that they may eate little when they stand at liuery. this I prognosticate against you, that this spring, which so euer of you dies, shall leaue a knaues carcasse in the graue behind him, and that they which liue shal hop a harlot in his cloths al ỹ yere after

But aboue all let mee not hide this secret from my countrymen, that Jupiter being in aspect with Luna, discouereth that diuers men shal drinke more thē they bleed, and

& Tailers shall steale nothing but what is brought vnto them, that pouiters shall bee pestered with rotten egs, & Butchers dogs make libels against Lent, that affoordes no foode but herring cobs for their diet.

Diseases incident to this quarter, as by Astrological & philosophicall coniectures I can gather, are these following: Prentises that haue ben sore beaten, shall be troubled with ach in their armes, and it shall be ill for such as haue sore eies, to looke against the Sun.

The plague shall raigne mortally amongst poore men, that diuerse of them shall not be able to change a man a groate.

Old women y haue taken great cold, may perhaps be troubled with the cough, and such as haue paine in their teeth, shall bee grieuously troubled with the tooth ach.

Sicke folke shal haue worse stomacks then they which be whole, and men that cannot sleepe, shall take verie little rest; with other accidentall infirmities, which I ouerpasse.

A declaration of the disposition and inclination of the Summer quarter.

When the Sonne hath made his course through the vernal signs, Aries, Taurus & Gemini,

Gemini at his passage vnto the solsticiall estiuall signe Cancer. The third parte of an English yeere called Summer, taketh his beginning this yere, as Ptolomie sayth, the twelfth of June, but as my skill doth coniecture, it beginneth when the wether waxeth so hot, that beggers scorne barnes and lie in the field for heate, and the wormes of Saint Pancredge Church build their bowers vnder the shadow of Colman hedge.

The predominant qualities of this quarter is heate and dryneſſe, whereby I doe gather, that through the influence of Cancer, bottle Ale shall bee in greate authoritie, and wheat shall doe knights seruice vnto malt.

Tapsters this quarter shall be in greater credite than Coblers, and many shall drinke more then they can pearne.

And yet because Mercurie is a signe that is now predominant, women shall be more troubled with fleas then men, and such as want meate shall go supperleſſe to bed.

Besides, this quarter great hurlie burlies are like to be learned, and greate stratagems like to be performed, through the oppositions of Mars and Saturne.

Butchers are like to make great hauock amongst flies: beggers on Sunshine daies to commit great murthers vpon their rebellious vermine.

The knightes of Coppersmiths hall no great deedes of armes vpon cups, cans, pots, galles, and blacke iackes, not ceasing the skirmish till they are able to stande on their legs.

Further, it is to bee doubted, that because Venus is in the house of Ioue, that Millers, weauers, and taylers, shal be as thirstie as they are swarthy.

Besides this quarter shall make Millpunds for their louers, till some of them calue with the Cow for company.

But Iupiter in his exaltation portageth, that diuerse young Gentlemen shall creepe further into the Mercers booke in a moneth then they can get out in a yeere.

Sundrie fellowes in their silkes shall bee appointed to keepe Duke Humfrie company in Powles, because they know not where to get their dinner abrode.

If there be plentie of Cherries this Summer, they are like to come to a pennie the pound.

Costardmongers this Summer shalbe hired by the wardens of their hal, to weare & carrie basketes of apples on their heads to keepe them from the heate of the Sunne.

But Libra adust and retrograde, foreteleth that there is like to be a league betweene diuerse Bakers and the pillorie, for making

thyn